Introduced by Senator Ashburn

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 14105.16 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi–Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 676, as introduced, Ashburn. Medi-Cal: pharmacy reimbursement.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, pursuant to which medical benefits, including prescription drugs, are provided to public assistance recipients and certain other low-income persons.

This bill would provide that the department shall ensure that medications provided to Medi-Cal recipients for intravenous or infusion drug therapy shall be reimbursed in a manner that is consistent with the services provided to ensure that patients receiving these services continue to receive appropriate care and continuity of their drug regimen.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

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